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PRESIDENT: Roll Call. Please indicate your presence. Clerk will record.

CLERK: Quorum present.

PRESIDENT: What bill are we on, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 1054 General File.

PRESIDENT: Has it been read?

CLERK: No, Sir.

PRESIDENT: Clerk will read.

CLERK: LB1054 (read) Senator it's the Appropriations Committee. The Appropriations has a series of bills.

PRESIDENT: Senator Marvel here? Sergeant of Arms please get Senator Marvel? We will stand at ease for just a few minutes here, I believe Senator Marvel is on his way. Senator Marvel, we are starting on LB1054. The Legislature will come to order. Senator Marvel do you want to explain the bill? Do you want to proceed in that manner?

SENATOR MARVEL: Yes, I'll proceed until there are amendments or questions, Mr. President. This is the major operations bill, and as you can see on page 2 we are talking about the District Courts System. The comment I would make on page 3, starting on line 6 is that we are talking about Statewide Probation and incorporated in these recommendations is addition of 33 probation officers, which reduces the case load basically from 70 to 50 and is a part of the correction reform package. Correction Reform Package as far as the Appropriations Committee is concerned has it's basic emphasis on people. And this is one of those elements of that package. We then go to the Parole Board at the bottom of page 3 and the top of page 4. And then we move on the bottom of page 4 to Department of Public Institutions. And I call your attention on the bottom of page 4 to the lines 21 through 26, which start out with the charts to the Department of Public Institutions, and when we talk about the Central Office this is the Central Administrative Authority of that department, that they provide a five-year long-range plan including a specific one-year plan for mental health, mental retardation, blind rehabilitation, and the Nebraska Veterans Home. And then on page 5, it lists seven different catagories. So I suggest if you are interested in this planning feature that you check over the information on page 5. Now, I think I will go ahead, Mr. President, and then there are some committee amendments in regard to...

PRESIDENT: Senator Marvel, I suggest that you explain if you feel the right way to proceed the entire bill, and then we can come back to amendments, either in the order they were put on the Clerks desk or by section. Do you think that's a good way to proceed.

SENATOR MARVEL: Fine. Starting on page 6, we are now talking about the Department of Public Institutions. And so as per